

REMARKS

1. Examiner has rejected Claims 11 & 13 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hornung (U.S: 4,275,388) in view of Rostoker et al. (U.S. 5,780,928). Applicant has amended Claim 11 to include the limitations recited in cancelled Claim 12, see paragraph 2 below. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 11 & 13 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hornung in view of Rostoker et al. is thereby moot and should accordingly be withdrawn.

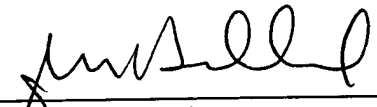
2. Examiner objected to Claim 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, noting that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 11 to include the limitations recited in cancelled Claim 12 and accordingly Claim 11 and Claims 13 - 18 should be deemed allowable.

3. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. If the Examiner is of a differing opinion he/she is hereby requested to conduct a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted.

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